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(e) The camp was organized for giving training to village leaders in all aspects of Community Development, so that they may themselves draw up plans for development and execute them. No definite decision was taken, but the leaders were requested to put the instructions and practical demonstrations into effect in their villages.

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

#### *Retired employees of the former Pudukkottai State*

522 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) The number of retired employees of the former Pudukkottai State Education Department under the Tiruchirappalli District Board service who have not been given—

(1) even anticipatory pension for more than one year; and

(2) final pension for more than one year; and

(b) the reasons for such delay?

A.—(a) (1) One.

(2) Two.

(b) Correspondence has to be carried on to determine the amount of pension for which the teachers in question are eligible from State funds.

#### *Drinking-water wells for Harijans*

523 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for drinking-water wells for Harijans by Harijan District Welfare Officers in the year 1953-54;

(b) the amount actually spent on that account;

(c) the amount allotted for the above purpose in the year 1954-55; and

(d) the amount spent so far and the number of new wells dug and old wells repaired during the year 1953-54?

A.—(a) Rs. 1,85,764.

(b) Rs. 1,45,436.

(c) Rs. 1,78,665.

(d) An amount of Rs. 1,68,483 was spent during 1954-55, 45 new wells were dug and 121 old wells repaired during 1953-54.

#### *Government employees*

524 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of employees as per each department of Government removed or dismissed from service and subsequently restored to office during the years 1953 and 1954;

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(b) whether salaries had been granted for their non-working periods and if so, the actual expenditure to Government under this head;

(c) the number recommended for (1) removal, (2) dismissal from service by (i) the Public Service Commission and (ii) the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings during the years 1953 and 1954; and

(d) the number accepted by Government under each item of (c) above?

4.—(a) The particulars are given below :—

Co-operation—1.

Industries—1.

Harijan Welfare—1.

Forest—15.

Police—109.

Fire Services—1.

Jail—9.

Judicial—5.

Prohibition—36.

Government Museum—1.

Public Health—1.

Local Administration—2.

Medical—3.

Education—3.

Agriculture—8.

Public Works—5.

Electricity—5.

Highways—1.

Stationery and Printing—9.

Transport—10.

Revenue—1.

Commercial Taxes—6.

(b) Yes; Rs. 39,020-15-0.

(c) Number recommended by—

|                                                     | 1953. | 1954. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| (i) The Madras Public Service Commission for—       |       |       |
| (1) Removal .. .. .                                 | 2     | 1     |
| (2) Dismissal .. .. .                               | ..    | 1     |
| (ii) The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings for— |       |       |
| (1) Removal .. .. .                                 | 4     | 4     |
| (2) Dismissal .. .. .                               | 16    | 11    |

(d) Number accepted by Government in the cases recommended by—

|                                                     | 1953. | 1954. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| (i) The Madras Public Service Commission for—       |       |       |
| (1) Removal .. .. .                                 | 2     | 1     |
| (2) Dismissal .. .. .                               | ..    | 1     |
| (ii) The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings for— |       |       |
| (1) Removal .. .. .                                 | ..    | ..    |
| (2) Dismissal .. .. .                               | 12    | ..    |

Final orders in respect of other cases have not yet been issued by Government.

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*Tractors*

525 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether there was any loss in maintaining the tractors during 1953–54 and 1954–55?

A.—Yes; a statement<sup>a</sup> showing the losses during the period is placed on the table of the House.

526 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tractors that were available in the State Government-owned and private-owned in the years 1953–54 and 1954–55; and

(b) the acreage for which the Government tractors were used for each of the above years?

A.—(a)

Government-owned tractors.

| 1953. | 1954. | 1955. |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 152   | 164   | 158   |

Tractors with private parties.

| 1953. | 1954. | 1955. |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 95    | 135   | 167   |

(b)

Acreage covered by Government tractors.

| 1953.  | 1954.  | 1955.  |
|--------|--------|--------|
| 26,407 | 20,529 | 21,174 |

*Village Industries in Coimbatore district*

527 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned for the development of village industries in Coimbatore district for the years 1954–55 and 1955–56;

(b) the amount actually spent during these years;

(c) the industries on which such amounts were spent;

(d) whether any amount was allowed to lapse during 1954–55 and if so, how much; and

(e) the names of the members of the Village Industries Committee in Coimbatore district?

A.—(a) The particulars are furnished below :—

|         |    |    | RS.                                 |
|---------|----|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1954–55 | .. | .. | 1,22,276                            |
| 1955–56 | .. | .. | 1,02,120 (excluding cost on staff). |

|     |         |    | RS. | A.     | P.   |
|-----|---------|----|-----|--------|------|
| (b) | 1954–55 | .. | —   | 36,884 | 7 11 |
|     | 1955–56 | —  | ..  | 3,234  | 2 0  |

(c) (1) Establishment of a Blacksmithy Training Centre at Karattupalayam.

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- (2) Development of khadi (spinning and weaving industry).
- (3) Grant of short-term loans to brick-makers.
- (4) Demonstration unit of wardha ghanies.
- (5) Two training units to develop the skill of bamboo workers.
- (6) Training course for women as spinning organizers.
- (7) Free supply of improved equipments to deserving jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies.
- (8) Grant to the Ramakrishna Vidyalaya for the development of handpounding of rice industry.

(d) No, Sir. The amount unspent will not lapse, as it can be utilized in full before September 1956, the date of expiry of Community Project Schemes.

(e) No Village Industries Committee is in existence for the Coimbatore district.

### *Rural Credit Co-operative Banks*

528 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Rural Credit Co-operative Banks that are already opened and proposed to be opened in the State; and

(b) the details, viz., the location of the Banks, the capital and other details connected with the loans advanced or proposed to be advanced by the State Government to these banks?

A.—(a) Eighteen have already been started; seven more are expected to be started shortly.

(b) A statement<sup>a</sup> showing the location of these banks is annexed. The Government have not advanced any capital or loan to the 25 rural co-operative banks already organized in the State. Nor is it the intention that the Government should either subscribe to the share capital of these banks, or advance loans to them. The working capital of these banks will be made up of share capital paid by their members, deposits received from members and non-members and borrowings from the central co-operative banks concerned.

### *Government Mental Hospital, Madras*

529 Q.—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of in-patients in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras, in 1954; and

(b) the number of persons among them, who were either involved in or connected with criminal offences?

A.—(a) 1,869 (daily average).

(b) 213.

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*Taluk office, Ponnani*

530 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Taluk office at Ponnani; and

(b) if so, when?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

*Improvement of certain roads*

531 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposals for the improvement of the roads from Wandiwash to Thethurai in Kancheepuram road and from Wandiwash to Salavedu in Wandiwash-Acharapakkam road; and

(b) if so, when the works will be taken up for execution?

A.—(a) & (b) The roads are being black-topped periodically under annual maintenance grant. The work of widening of culverts in miles 15/2 to 22/0 of the road from Thethurai to Wandiwash is proposed to be included in the Second Five-Year Plan. This work will be taken up in due course subject to availability of funds.

*Schemes under Five-Year Plans*

532 Q.—SRI M. MUNI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of schemes or works sanctioned under the First Five-Year Plan for Hosur taluk with their estimated cost and details;

(b) the number completed; and

(c) the number of schemes or works proposed under the Second Five-Year Plan for Hosur taluk with their estimated cost?

A.—(a) & (b) The First Five-Year Plan was drawn up taking into consideration the needs of the State as a whole. The Government have, therefore, not drawn up any special schemes for Hosur taluk or for any other taluk in particular.

(c) The District Plan for Salem district has not yet been finalized. It is not therefore possible to indicate at present the schemes proposed for the Hosur taluk under the Plan.

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*Admission to Medical Colleges*

533 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students that applied for admission to medical colleges; and

(b) the number from Malabar?

A.—(a) 1,382.

(b) 194.

*Roads formed in Ramanathapuram district*

534 Q.—SRI P. CHELLATHURAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number of new roads formed in Tiruvadanai taluk in Ramanathapuram district during the years 1952–1955 and the cost incurred therefor; and

(b) the names of the roads in Tiruvadanai taluk metalled for the first time after the completion of the earth work, during the years 1952–1955 together with the length thereof and the cost incurred for metalling?

A.—(a) Five new roads were formed at a cost of Rs. 68,564.

(b) Two roads were metalled for the first time, namely:—

Road from mile 64/5 of road No. 8 to Tiruvethiyur for a length of 3 miles and 7 furlongs at a cost of Rs. 44,559 and Tiruvadanai-Oriyur road for a length of 13 miles at a cost of Rs. 87,757.

*Committee on conditions of labour in plantations*

535 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee constituted by the Government of India and the State Government to report on the conditions of Labour in Plantation areas has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what the findings of the Committee are?

A.—(a) The Government of India have appointed a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into the economic conditions and problems of tea, coffee and rubber industries in India. It is not known whether that Commission has submitted its report to the Government of India. This Government have not appointed any Committee to enquire into the conditions of labour in plantation.

(b) Does not arise.

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*Movable property of ex-Pudukkottai State Government*

536 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether an inventory of movable property of Pudukkottai State Government was taken at the time of its merger; and

(b) whether any and, if so, what items of furniture have been transferred from Pudukkottai to the Circuit House in Madurai?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir. An inventory was taken.

(b) The following items of furniture were transferred from Pudukkottai to the Circuit House in Madurai :—

| Serial number and name of article. |                                                      | Number of article. |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1                                  | Iron tape cots with mosquito curtain arrangements.   | 2                  |
| 2 (a)                              | Iron spring cots with mosquito curtain arrangements. | 2                  |
| (b)                                | Mattress with four pillows .. .. .                   | 4                  |
| (c)                                | Mattress covers .. .. .                              | 2                  |
| (d)                                | Pillow covers .. .. .                                | 8                  |
| 3                                  | Galvanized iron bath tubs .. .. .                    | 4                  |
| 4                                  | Combined meat safe and drawer .. .. .                | 1                  |
| 5                                  | Sanitary commode with sand .. .. .                   | 1                  |
| 6                                  | Dining table .. .. .                                 | 1                  |
| 7 (a)                              | R.W. office table with drawers .. .. .               | 1                  |
| (b)                                | Cards table .. .. .                                  | 1                  |
| (c)                                | T.W. table .. .. .                                   | 1                  |
| 8 (a)                              | T.W. dressing table with mirror .. .. .              | 1                  |
| (b)                                | R.W. dressing table with mirror .. .. .              | 1                  |
| (c)                                | Chest of drawers with mirror .. .. .                 | 1                  |
| (d)                                | Mirror with stand .. .. .                            | 1                  |
| (e)                                | Teak wood table .. .. .                              | 1                  |
| 9                                  | Coat-stands .. .. .                                  | 3                  |
| 10                                 | T.W. dressing chairs .. .. .                         | 6                  |
| 11 (a)                             | Easy chairs .. .. .                                  | 2                  |
| (b)                                | R.W. low easy chairs with cushion .. .. .            | 2                  |
| 12                                 | Kitchen table .. .. .                                | 3                  |
| 13                                 | Pantry table .. .. .                                 | 1                  |
| 14                                 | T.W. towel stand .. .. .                             | 2                  |

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| Serial number and name of article. |     |                                                   |    |    |    | Number of article. |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|--------------------|
| 15                                 | (a) | T.W. stool                                        | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
|                                    | (b) | Dressing stool                                    | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
| 16                                 |     | R.W. tepoy                                        | .. | .. | .. | 2                  |
| 17                                 | (a) | Electrical table lamp                             | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
|                                    | (b) | Electric stand lamp with dome                     | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
| 18                                 |     | T.W. bath boards                                  | .. | .. | .. | 2                  |
| 19                                 |     | Soap tray                                         | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
| 20                                 | (a) | Waste paper basket (wooden)                       | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
|                                    | (b) | Do (rattan)                                       | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
| 21                                 |     | Cutlery and crockery sets                         | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
| 22                                 |     | Pictures                                          | .. | .. | .. | 15                 |
| 23                                 |     | T.W. 2 handed bench                               | .. | .. | .. | 1                  |
| 24                                 |     | R.W. tape cot with mosquito curtain arrangements. | .. | .. | .. | 2                  |
| Total                              |     |                                                   |    |    |    | 82                 |

*Women's Welfare Department*

537 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have formed the State Advisory Committee for Women's Welfare Department in 1953-54 and 1954-55;

(b) the personnel of the Committee during these years;

(c) the functions of the Committee; and

(d) the expenditure to Government on account of this Committee?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Members who were in the State Advisory Committee during 1953-54—

*President*—Srimathi Sakunthala Subramaniam.

*Chair-Woman*—Dr. (Srimathi) Soundaram Ramachandran.

*Vice-President*—Srimathi M. N. Clubwala.

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**Secretary**—Dr. (Srimathi) Jayalakshmi A. Rao (Director of Women's Welfare).

**Members—**

- (1) Srimathi Kameswari Amma (City).
- (2) Srimathi Ammana Raja (City).
- (3) Srimathi Sarojini Varadappan (City).
- (4) Srimathi Shambavi R. Punja, Mangalore.
- (5) Srimathi Jayamma Srinivasan, Madras.
- (6) Srimathi Manjubashini, Madras.
- (7) Srimathi Buchi Krishnamma, Rajahmundry.
- (8) Srimathi T. Cherian, Madras.
- (9) Begum Abdur Quadir, Madras.
- (10) Srimathi Jayamma Rajan, Coimbatore.
- (11) Srimathi Amirtha Ramasubramanyam, Madras.
- (12) Srimathi Savithri Shanmugam, Madras.

Members who were in the State Advisory Committee during 1954-55—

**President**—Dr. (Srimathi) Muthulakshmi Reddi.

**Vice-President—**

- (1) Srimathi Sakunthala Subramaniam.
- (2) Srimathi Clubwala Jadhav.

**Chair-Woman**—Dr. (Srimathi) Soundaram Ramachandran.

**Secretary**—Dr. (Srimathi) Jayalakshmi A. Rao, Deputy Director of Rural Welfare (Women).

**Members—**

- (1) Srimathi R. A. Gopalaswami, Madras.
- (2) Srimathi Amirtha Ramasubramaniam, Madras.
- (3) Srimathi Sister R. S. Subbulakshmi, Madras.
- (4) Srimathi Sarojini Varadappan, Madras.
- (5) Srimathi Lady Venkatasubba Rao, Madras.
- (6) Srimathi Shambavi R. Punja, South Kanara.
- (7) Srimathi Thillaiammal, Coimbatore.
- (8) Srimathi Kuttimalu Amma, Malabar.
- (9) Srimathi R. Kuppanna, Salem.

(c) The Committee reviews the work of the Women's Welfare Department and advises the Government on matters relating to Welfare of Women and Children.

(d) The expenditure incurred by the Government during 1953-54 and 1954-55 was Rs. 726,10-0 and Rs. 1,237 respectively.

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*Local Fund hospital at Kodumudi*

538 Q.—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of patients getting treatment for leprosy at the Local Fund hospital at Kodumudi in Erode taluk, Coimbatore district; and

(b) the number of patients suffering from leprosy but not getting treatment from the hospital, in the Kodumudi area?

A.—(a) Ten patients on an average per leprosy clinic day are getting treatment at the subsidised Rural Dispensary, Kodumudi.

(b) The information is not available but forty-four persons suffering from leprosy have been registered in Kodumudi.

*Experimental Agricultural Farm at Sathyamangalam*

539 Q.—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) when the Experimental Agricultural Farm at Sathyamangalam in Coimbatore district was started;

(b) the extent of the Farm and the amount that has been spent for making it fit for cultivation;

(c) the amount spent for cultivation per year per acre;

(d) the profit or loss year by year; and

(e) the yield in respect of every crop per acre?

A.—(a) The Agricultural Research Station, Sathyamangalam, started working on 7th August 1951.

(b) (i) The total extent of the station is 49.5 acres.

(ii) The amount that has been spent for making fit for cultivation is given below:—

| Year.<br>(1) | Amount.<br>(2) | Remarks.<br>(3)                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|              | RS. A. P.      |                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1951-52 ..   | 3,177 10 4     | Expenditure was on collecting stones, forming roads and irrigation channels, planting of green manure plants parcelling of lands and lay out of plots, etc. |
| 1952-53 ..   | 1,201 9 0      |                                                                                                                                                             |
| Total ..     | 4,379 3 4      |                                                                                                                                                             |
|              | -----          |                                                                                                                                                             |

(c)

| Year.<br>(1) | Amount spent per acre.<br>(2) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
|              | RS. A. P.                     |
| 1951-52 ..   | 67 9 4                        |
| 1952-53 ..   | 168 2 10                      |
| 1953-54 ..   | 190 3 0                       |
| 1954-55 ..   | 210 0 0                       |

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(d)

| Year.   | Expenditure. |    |    | Receipts. |    |    | Profit or loss. |    |             |
|---------|--------------|----|----|-----------|----|----|-----------------|----|-------------|
| (1)     | (2)          |    |    | (3)       |    |    | (4)             |    |             |
|         | RS.          | A. | P. | RS.       | A. | P. | RS.             | A. | P.          |
| 1951-52 | 2,433        | 1  | 3  | 2,818     | 2  | 5  | 385             | 1  | 2 (profit)  |
| 1952-53 | 6,727        | 3  | 10 | 5,908     | 8  | 0  | 818             | 11 | 10 (loss)   |
| 1953-54 | 8,136        | 1  | 2  | 8,074     | 2  | 10 | 61              | 14 | 4 (loss)    |
| 1954-55 | 8,247        | 5  | 8  | 9,170     | 0  | 6  | 922             | 10 | 10 (profit) |

(e)

| Name of crop.   | Yield per acre during.   |                          |                                                 |                              |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                 | 1951-52.                 | 1952-53.                 | 1953-54.                                        | 1954-55.                     |
| (1)             | (2)                      | (3)                      | (4)                                             | (5)                          |
| Cholam .. ..    | 200 lb.                  | 100 lb.                  | 1,200 lb.                                       | 1,180 lb.                    |
| Cumbu .. ..     | 52 „                     | 60 „                     | 755 „                                           | 485 „                        |
| Ragi .. ..      | No crop.                 | 2,210 „                  | 180 „<br>(crop failed.)                         | 1,050 „                      |
| Tenai .. ..     | Do.                      | (crop failed.)           | 343 lb.                                         | 353 „                        |
| Samai .. ..     | 57 lb.<br>(crop failed.) | 51 lb.<br>(crop failed.) | No crop.                                        | No crop.                     |
| Fodder maize .. | 460 lb.                  | 38 lb.                   | 140 lb.                                         | Do.                          |
| Tobacco .. ..   | 915 „                    | 2,245 „                  | 652 „<br>(Aphis<br>attack.)                     | 418 lb.<br>Nail<br>attack.   |
| Groundnut .. .. | No crop.                 | 1,068 „                  | 828 lb.<br>(leaf spot<br>disease.)              | 1,126 lb.                    |
| Cotton .. ..    | 318 lb.                  | 270 „                    | 193 lb.<br>(Blackgram and<br>weevil<br>attack.) | 284 „<br>(Weevil<br>attack.) |
| Chillies .. ..  | Nil.                     | Nil.                     | Nil.                                            | 725 lb.                      |

*Water-logging in the Lower Bhavani Canal area*

540 Q.—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of houses that have been affected by the seepage water of the Lower Bhavani Canal area; and

(b) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to rehabilitate the displaced persons on account of this?

A.—(a)

|                         | HOUSES. |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Gobichettipalayam taluk | ...     | ... | ... | 689 |
| Erode taluk             | ...     | ... | ... | 676 |
| Bhavani taluk           | ...     | ... | ... | 57  |
| Dharapuram taluk        | ...     | ... | ... | 59  |

Total ... 1,481

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(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (b) of Legislative Assembly Starred Question No. 4136 by Sri P. G. Manickam, M.L.A.

*Community Project area in the Palghat taluk*

541 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Government for the Community Project area in the Palghat taluk, Malabar district, in the year 1954-55;

(b) the amount actually spent for the schemes in the area; and

(c) if the full amount is not spent, what are the reasons for the same?

A.—(a) The entire Palghat taluk is covered by the Malam-puzha Community Project. An allotment of Rs. 8,60,100 was made for expenditure in this Project during 1954-55.

(b) Rs. 8,22,984.

(c) The funds provided under the Community Project Programme does not lapse with the end of the financial year, as the balances remaining unspent are carried forward for expenditure in future years of the working period of the project.

*Opening of a branch Police station*

542 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to open a branch Police station at Mayuram Municipal town limit on the eastern side?

A.—The Government have ordered the opening of a new Police station at Koranad within the limits of Mayuram town.

*Health Assistants in Malabar*

543 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Health Assistants in Malabar (Public Health Department) in 1955 regarding their grievances; and

(b) if so, what the main items are and what action has been taken thereon?

A.—(a) Advance copies of the memorandum have been received.

(b) The request contained in the memorandum is to increase the fixed travelling allowance payable to Health Assistants. No action was taken on these advance copies received.

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544 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the headquarters of the Health Assistants for the various taluks in Malabar are situated at the taluk headquarters or in the respective firkas?

A.—The Headquarters of the Health Assistants for the various taluks in the district of Malabar are as follows:—

| Name of taluk.                                 |       | Name of range headquarters.                     |       | Number of Health Assistants in each range. |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
| (1)                                            |       | (2)                                             |       | (3)                                        |
| <i>South Malabar.</i>                          |       |                                                 |       |                                            |
| 1 Palghat                                      | .. .. | Alathur                                         | .. .. | 3                                          |
| 2 Palghat                                      | .. .. | Palghat (Taluk Headquarters)                    | ..    | 3                                          |
| 3 Walluvanad                                   | .. .. | Ottappalam                                      | .. .. | 3                                          |
| 4 Walluvanad                                   | .. .. | Perintalmanna (Taluk Headquarters).             | ..    | 3                                          |
| 5 Ponnani                                      | .. .. | Chowghat                                        | .. .. | 3                                          |
| 6 Ponnani                                      | .. .. | Tirur                                           | .. .. | 3                                          |
| 7 Ponnani                                      | .. .. | Ponnani (Taluk Headquarters)                    | ..    | 3                                          |
| 8 Ernad                                        | .. .. | Parappanangadi                                  | .. .. | 5                                          |
| 9 Ernad                                        | .. .. | Manjeri (Taluk Headquarters)                    | ..    | 3                                          |
| <i>North Malabar.</i>                          |       |                                                 |       |                                            |
| 10 Chirakkal                                   | .. .. | Cannanore (Taluk Headquarters)                  | ..    | 3                                          |
| 11 Kottayam                                    | .. .. | Tellicherry (Taluk Headquarters).               | ..    | 3                                          |
| 12 Kurumbranad                                 | .. .. | Badagara (Taluk Headquarters)                   | ..    | 3                                          |
| 13 Kozhikode                                   | .. .. | Kozhikode (Taluk Headquarters).                 | ..    | 3                                          |
| 14 Wynaad                                      | .. .. | Manantoddy (Taluk Headquarters).                | ..    | 3                                          |
| 15 Taliparamba (sub-taluk of Chirakkal taluk). |       | Taliparamba (Headquarters of Deputy Tahsildar). | ..    | 3                                          |
| 16 Quilandy (sub-taluk of Kurumbaranad taluk). |       | Quilandy (Headquarters of Deputy Tahsildar).    | ..    | 3                                          |
| Total ..                                       |       |                                                 |       | 50                                         |

### Merchants' Conference

545 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the persons invited to the Merchants' Conference convened by the Chief Minister in September 1955;

(b) the basis on which the invitations were issued;

(c) whether any representation has been given to the Malabar Merchants' Association, and if not, why;

(d) the issues discussed and the decisions taken at the conference; and

(e) whether a copy of the resolutions passed at the conference will be placed on the table of the House?

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A.—(a) A list<sup>a</sup> showing the merchant bodies invited for the Conference is appended.

(b) Requests were made by a large number of merchant bodies for representation in the Conference. Invitations were issued to bodies representing major trades in the State without making the number too unwieldy.

(c) No. There was no request from the Malabar Merchants' Association for representation in the Conference. Two trade bodies of Malabar were represented.

(d) & (e) A copy of the agenda<sup>a</sup> for the conference is appended. The conference was only an informal one to ascertain the views of the various merchant bodies on questions relating to the levy and administration of sales tax. No resolutions were passed or final decisions taken at the conference.

[Note.—An asterisk (\*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 4 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO APPEAL AGAINST FINDING OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFICER DECLARING NAZARETHPET TO BE NOT AN INAM ESTATE.*

Mr. SPEAKER: I have received notice of a Motion under 12-10 rule 40 from the hon. Member Sri S. C. C. Anthoni Pillai calling the attention of the Hon. Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., failure of Government to prefer an appeal against the finding of the Settlement Officer, Chittoor, dated 14th August 1950, in S. No. 14, Sriperambudur, relating to Nazarethpet village, Chingleput district. p.m.

\* SRI S. C. C. ANTHONI PILLAI: Mr. Speaker, I should like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., that in Nazarethpet village of Chingleput district a long drawn out Satyagraha movement has been launched, as a result of which one hundred and twenty-five people belonging to the Socialist Party have been arrested. The history of the dispute relates to a decision given by the Settlement Officer under the Estates Abolition Act. This Settlement Officer has declared that it is not an inam village and that this particular area cannot be taken over by the Government for distribution to the peasantry. Now, Sir, what the residents of this village contend is, that the Settlement Officer in coming to a decision did not abide by the legal provisions contained in that Act. The Act specifically requires that a Settlement Officer before he arrives at a decision, should call for all relevant documents in the possession of the Government. It has been represented that among the many documents examined, the Settlement Officer did not call for the original grant that was made, though this particular document was specifically referred to in the Inam Register as being in the possession of the Government. This particular officer did not take sufficient steps to see that the residents of the village were present at the enquiry. There was only one person present at the enquiry